GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that several villages in the country are not linked to each other even today in the absence of bridges across the rivers/rivulets;

(b) whether the Government is also aware that a number of States in the country have submitted special proposal for approval for the construction of bridges across such rivers;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to approve such proposals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time likely to be taken for the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. State Governments have conducted surveys to prepare District Rural Road Plans and identify a Core Network of roads including proposed roads to eligible unconnected habitations. Maps of such Core Networks include rivers and major streams. Under PMGSY, unconnected habitations are to be provided all- weather road connectivity and construction of CD works and minor bridges are accordingly funded under the Scheme, where such works are essential to provide connectivity. However, since rural roads is a State subject and PMGSY is a specific central intervention, PMGSY does not provide the construction of bridges across rivers in isolation.